

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 7/29/86

6/22/87

FULL NAME Gary L. Findlay
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Carol Stream STATE Illinois ZIP CODE 60188-0148

DATE OF BIRTH 12/3/54 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 31 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION — NATIONALITY —

OCCUPATION Sargeant - U. S. Air Force - A.M.F. O'Hare 60666

EDUCATION High School

WEIGHT 180 COLOR White HEIGHT 5' 10"

COLOR OF HAIR Sandy Blonde COLOR OF EYES Blue

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS —

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN None
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME —

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

| UNIT # | CITY | STATE | OFFICE | DATE REGISTERED | DATE RESIGNED |
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| V 6001 | Carol Stream | IL | VC | 1/31/86 | |

SPECIAL RECOGNITION —

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONVICTION OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OFFICIAL CHARGES OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT (REVIEW) | <input type="checkbox"/> UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS |

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND INDIVIDUAL FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE AND LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Notified by investigating police officer that Findlay will be brought before the grand jury on seven counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse against two or more members of his Varsity Team over a period extending from August 1985 - June 1986.

Indicted by DuPage County Grand Jury on 7 counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. Convicted of one count.
CONFIDENTIAL NOTED
Signed [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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Council DuPage Area #148



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

SCOUTING/USA

November 10, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P. O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Subject: Gary Findlay

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Enclosed please find documentation substantiating the reversal by the Appellate Court of the Findlay conviction for criminal sexual abuse, to complete your file.

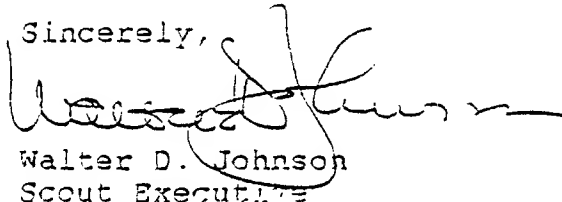
Findlay, who is now married, has been returned to active duty with the Air Force and is currently stationed in England.

He was initially charged on seven counts, which were reduced to five by the time of trial. He was convicted only of Count III, which has now been reversed.

My information is that one or more juveniles who appeared against him perjured themselves in their testimony.

To my knowledge, Findlay has not indicated any intention or interest in reaffiliating with the BSA. He does have a number of local Scouter friends who wish his "name to be cleared".

Sincerely,



Walter D. Johnson
Scout Executive

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Enclosure

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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

VS

GARY FINDLAY

No. 86 CF 1219

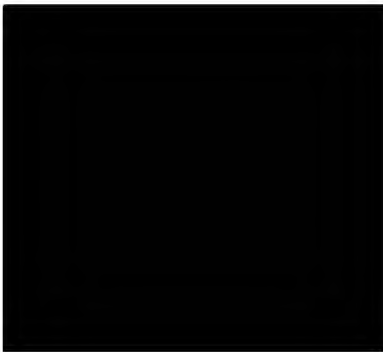
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18th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DU PAGE COUNTY ILLINOIS

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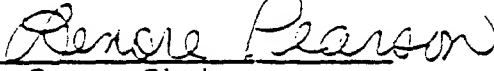
NOTICE OF RECEIPT
of
REVIEWING COURT MANDATE

TO:



YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Mandate from the Reviewing Court in the above entitled matter has been received and filed with this office. The case has been ordered
[] AFFIRMED [] REVERSED AND REMANDED [X] REVERSED
[] AFFIRMED IN PART, REVERSED IN PART, REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS.

☐ Because this matter has been returned to the Trial Court for further action in accordance with the Mandate, the Rules of the 18th Judicial Circuit Court require that this case be assigned a new case number. In addition to the assignment of a new case number, Chapter 25 § 27.1u2 (Illinois Revised Statutes) require the payment of a filing fee in civil cases before the Trial Court takes any further action in this matter. Upon the payment of the statutory fee, the case will be re-docketed and assigned a new case number.
DO NOT USE THE OLD CASE NUMBER ONCE THE MATTER HAS BEEN RE-DOCKETED.

Date: May 15, 1989
JOHN W. COCKRELL, Circuit Court Clerkby 
Deputy Clerk

cc: Chief Judge's Office

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
 APPELLATE COURT)
 SECOND DISTRICT)

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At a Session of the Appellate Court begun and held at Springfield on the 1st day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-eight within and for the Second District of Illinois:

Present: Honorable GEORGE W. LINDBERG, Presiding Justice
 Honorable MARVIN D. DUNN, Justice Honorable PHILIP G. REINHARD, Justice
 Honorable LAWRENCE D. INGLIS, Justice Honorable GEORGE W. UNVERZAGT, Justice
 Honorable ROBERT D. MCLAREN, Justice Honorable ALFRED E. WOODWARD, Justice
 Honorable WILLIAM R. NASH, Justice

LOREN J. STROTZ, Clerk

F. JOHN RANDALL, Sheriff

#2-87-0948

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
 Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

GARY L. FINDLAY,
 Defendant-Appellant.

APPEAL FROM THE
 CIRCUIT COURT OF
 DuPage County

TRIAL COURT NO.
 36CF1319-03

Judge Sullivan

MANDATE

BE IT REMEMBERED, that, to-wit: On the 29th day of December 1988 an Opinion of the aforementioned Court was entered of record and in accordance with the views expressed in the attached opinion defendant's conviction on Count III is reversed.

| CERTIFICATION | |
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| I, JOHN W. COCKRELL, Clerk of the 19th Judicial Circuit Court, DuPage County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the final order of said Appellate Court in the above entitled cause of record in my said office. | |
| DATE AUG 9 1989 | SUBSCRIBED AND AFFIXED my name and official seal as Clerk of said Court <i>John W. Cockrell</i> JOHN W. COCKRELL, Clerk Clerk/Clerk |

CERTIFICATE

PROCESSED

I, LOREN J. STROTZ, Clerk of the Appellate Court, Second District of the State of Illinois, and keeper of the records, files and seal thereof, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the final order of said Appellate Court, in the above entitled cause of record in my said office. LJS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court this 10th day of May, 1989, A.D.

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Loren J. Strotz

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July 22, 1987

Mr. Walter D. Johnson
Scout Executive
Dupage Area Council, No. 148

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Gary Findlay

Dear Walter:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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JUL 22 1987

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July 13, 1987

Mr. Walter D. Johnson
Scout Executive
Dupage Area Council, No. 142

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Gary L. Findlay

Dear Walter:

Thank you for your Confidential Record Sheet and letter concerning the above-named individual. We are glad the trial is finally over. The conviction will help to substantiate our refusal of registration attempts in the future.

If you will send me the sentencing when it takes place, this will be most helpful to complete our file; otherwise, I believe all the material is available that is needed.

Thank you for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

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cc: East Central Region

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

June 23, 1987

CONFIDENTIAL

SCOUTING/USA

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Mr. Ernst:

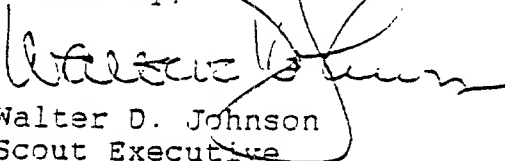
Gary L. Findlay, the registered leader of Varsity Team 6001 of this council, was indicted on seven counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse in late July of 1986 against youth members of his Team.

In a much delayed and finally protracted trial which ended last week, Findlay was convicted on one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse. Sentencing is scheduled for July 23rd.

Findlay, a sergeant in the Air Force, has been reassigned to duty at Chanute A.F.B. near Rantoul, Illinois in the Arrowhead Council #117, with headquarters in Champaign, Illinois.

His registration was immediately suspended on July 29, 1986 by this council. He was also registered in a multiple capacity as a district committee member and served as an associate adviser to the district's Order of the Arrow chapter.

Sincerely,


Walter D. Johnson
Scout Executive

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pc: Ted Hanley

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Gary Findlay



National Office
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
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Man Charged In Sex Abuse Case

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Gary Findlay, 716 Bluff St., turned himself in to police through his attorney after police issued a warrant for his arrest.

Carol Stream Police Chief Wilbur Reichert said

the department began the investigation following a complaint from the boy's parents. The sexual abuse allegedly took place in Findlay's apartment.

Reichert said he believes Findlay is in the U.S. Air Force working out of O'Hare International Airport.

"At this point, we do not know if he has other charges of criminal sexual abuse," said Reichert.

David K. Park
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AUG 25 1986

August 22, 1966

Mr. Ben H. Love
Chief Scout Executive
National Council
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Dear Mr. Love:

I am extremely distressed at having to write your office regarding a serious criminal act committed against a young 15 year old scout that I have worked with since his joining the scouting family as a Cub Scout. (Enclosed Article)

I wish to register a formal complaint regarding the conduct of Mr. Walter Johnson, Executive Director of the DuPage Council, Wheaton, Illinois and his staff regarding my appeal to have a former assistant scoutmaster of my troop #191, Carol Stream, Illinois disbarred from scouting on the grounds that this adult was unfit to hold an adult leadership position due to unacceptable conduct and that further, there was reason to question his moral character and intentions towards young men.

The individual in question was a Mr. Gary Findlay, an active military serviceman (Air Force), age 28, single and no apparent interests outside of scouting.

I became suspect of Mr. Findlay's character after several personal situations involving [REDACTED] (Life Scout). I was attempting to have Mr. Findlay removed from my troop through our committee when Mr. Findlay conspired with other members of my committee to form a new scout unit (Boy Scout Team) without my knowledge. He and other members of the committee did subsequently resign and form the Scout Team #1 in Carol Stream, Illinois.

Mr. Findlay's conduct within my troop, his conspiring to disrupt my troop activities and his personal conduct towards [REDACTED] were all carefully and tactfully conveyed to Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson did express a concern. After one (1) week, Mr. Johnson advised me that my allegations were unfounded, that while Mr. Findlay's conduct reflected immaturity, this was not sufficient grounds to have him removed as a scout leader and further, Mr. Johnson stated that many of his staff felt Mr. Findlay was a very involved volunteer in scouting activities and a fine individual.

My understanding of leadership certainly does not encompass "immaturity". Dealing with boys 11-13 calls for adults possessing maturity, sensitivity, moral strength and emotional stability. Mr. Findlay did not, in my opinion, ever demonstrate such desirable traits, thus, my desire to remove him from scout leadership. The disbarment effort was associated with his apparent questionable moral character. Appreciate that I was unable to be more specific as to my concerns regarding Mr. Findlay's character for fear of the legal reprisal. (Libel and Character Assassination)

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Mr. Ben H. Lowe
August 22, 1966
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In Summation, Mr. Findlay has ultimately been indicted on (5) counts of sexual assault and aggravation to a 15 year old scout. This situation could have been avoided. Boy Scouts of America has a responsibility to protect and guard our involved youth. Scouting has suffered the ultimate embarrassment, a loss of trust. More importantly, though, is what this experience will mean to this fine young man.

Mr. Findlay's fate is determined, but what about Boy Scouts of America? What are they going to do to prevent a repetition of this situation?

Mr. Johnson had a chance and he failed. Boy Scouts of America must now bear the shame. Mr. Findlay's indictment will certainly be an indictment of scouting in general. Many very fine, hard working individuals who have much to give to scouting will suffer for lack of community support. I am angry and frustrated by the ineptness of this scouting executive.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daniel F. Hanrahan
Committee Chairman
Troop #191
Carol Stream, Illinois 60138

P.S. I have been a Scoutmaster for 5 years, a Cubmaster for 3 years, a member of Scoutleader roundtables, Order of the Arrow, OA Chapter Adviser and involved in numerous other district scouting activities. Both my wife and I have been cited by the District for our contribution to Scouting. I received the Citizenship of the Year award in my community specifically on the basis of my work with youth.

cc: Mr. M. Gene Cruse
East Central Region
Boy Scouts of America
608 S. Washington Blvd.
Suite 103
Naperville, Ill 60540

cc: Mr. Walter Johnson
Scout Executive, DuPage Council
Boy Scouts of America
Wheaton, Ill 60187

CONF023157

August 26, 1986

Mr. Daniel F. Hanrahan
Committee Chairman
Troop #191
[REDACTED]
Carol Stream, IL 60138

Dear Mr. Hanrahan:

Thank you for your letter of August 22. I have been asked by Mr. Love to respond since we handle all registrations of the Boy Scouts of America.

We appreciate your concern related to Mr. Gary Findlay. An investigation is taking place and his registration will be suspended pending outcome of any charges.

Thank you again for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: H. Gene Oruse, Regional Director, East Central Region
Walker Johnson, Executive Director, Council No. 143
Ben H. Love, 8400
David K. Park, 8400

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SHIRLEY M. [REDACTED]

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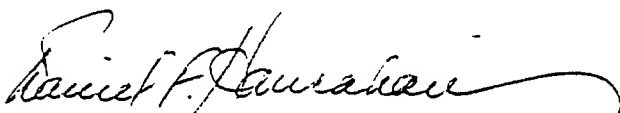
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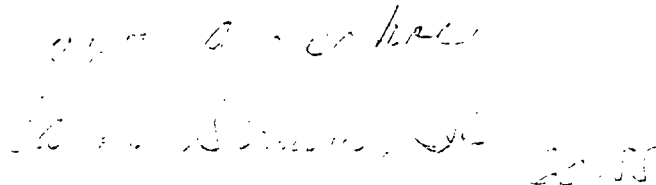


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